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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE ATTITUDE STUDY

1. AT REQUEST JACK BRADY, HIRC STAFF, AID'S ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, DENIS NEILL, TELEPHONED DR. WILLIAM LIU AT NOTRE DAME 31 JULY. DR. LIU STATED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) IN HIS OPINION A PSYCHIATRIC PROJECT FOR MONITORING THE ATTITUDES OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO HELPING THEM TO ADJUST TO AMERICAN LIFE.

(B) DR. LIU, IN CONSULTATION WITH A VIETNAMESE DOCTOR NAMED TOON AND A NAVY PSYCHIATRIC TEAM CONSISTING OF CDR. RICHARD RAHE, LCDR. HAROLD WARD AND DR. JOHN LOONEY, HAD ESTABLISHED A MONITORING PROJECT WHICH USED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY VIETNAMESE.

(C) THE MONITORING PROJECT HAD BEEN UNDERWAY FOR ABOUT THREE
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AND A HALF WEEKS AT CAMP PENDLETON. DR. LIU ASSUMED THE

NAVY DOCTORS HAD CLEARED EVERYTHING WITH THE CAMP AUTHORITIES.

(D) ON 22 JULY THE MONITORING PROJECT WAS SUDDENLY TERMINATED WITH LITTLE OR NO EXPLANATION.

(E) LIU WAS CONCERNED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A CASE FOR THE PROJECT PRIOR TO ITS TERMINATION.

(F) HE FURTHERMORE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THERE WAS INADEQUATE PSYCHIATRIC CARE FOR THE UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AT PENDLETON. LIU BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE A CHILD PSYCHIATRIST OR AT LEAST A PSYCHIATRIC NURSE AT THE UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN'S UNIT. LIU STATED THAT THESE CHILDREN SEEMED TO BE HAVING PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS THAT WERE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY CONSIDERED BY THE CAMP ADMINISTRATION.

2. REQUEST SCC'S COMMENTS/EXPLANATIONS RE ABOVE WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO MR. BRADY. INGERSOLL

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